

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



May you find Christ here...

May you bring Christ to  
the World.

## Happy Fathers Day

June 21, 2020

### Sacraments/Other Information



#### **BAPTISM**

2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 1:15pm. Required Preparation Class. Call 636-240-3721 ext 235 to register.



#### **CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE**

Those preparing for marriage should contact the parish office six months in advance. One party must be a registered member of Assumption and living an active, practicing Catholic life. Contact Angie at the Parish Office, xt 235.



#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



#### **RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS**

(RCIA) Process through which adults are initiated into the Catholic Church by Baptism or Profession of Faith. For more information, call Missy Lowrey 314-630-3983.



#### **RITE of CONFESSION**

Weekdays 7:30 - 8:00am Church  
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45pm Church  
Or by appointment



#### **FUNERALS**

Please call the Parish Office 636-240-3721



#### **CONFIRMATION**

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 8th grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020 for more information.



#### **FIRST COMMUNION**

Preparation begins in September for all students who are entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Please contact Ann Marie Quan at 636-240-1020.

# Welcome

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## Hello,

This week, on Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, is the feast of St. Thomas More, the patron saint of lawyers. Since I am a canon lawyer I have some affinity towards him, but long before that I have to admit that I went to Thomas More High School, a high school run by the Marianist order in Milwaukee (they have Chaminade and Vianney here in St. Louis).

Thomas More is both a saint and a martyr, having died for refusing to compromise his faith in order to save his life. He had already resigned his position as Chancellor of England under King Henry VIII, which he had held for about 3 years, because he knew it was placing him in conflicting positions regarding King Henry VIII vs. the pope. But even after this he was still a very publicly known and respected figure so that when he refused to take an oath regarding the King, he was imprisoned and eventually beheaded. Being a very smart lawyer he thought he could avoid being convicted by simply saying nothing, but others would falsely testify against him resulting in his conviction.

He knew that no matter what pressures that may be experienced, he had to always follow his conscious. He was “the king’s good servant – but God’s first.” This is challenging for all of us to live out, and even more for those who have accepted certain positions of authority as Thomas More had. With such positions come added responsibilities that we remember him for living out faithfully.

As we celebrate Father’s Day this weekend I would consider this to be also a good model for fathers. Recognizing the additional challenges and responsibilities they take on as they become fathers. We are grateful not for their having these added responsibilities, but for their living up to them for us, their sons and daughters. We are grateful for all that our fathers have done for us, and also for all they have taught us by their selfless actions.

We will also have, this Tuesday night June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Confirmation of half of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders from our school and PSR who have been preparing for this sacrament this year, (the others will be confirmed on July 11<sup>th</sup>). In the sacrament of Confirmation, they are especially blessed with the strengthening of the gifts of the Holy Spirit they received at baptism. Please keep them in your prayers that they be open to God’s gifts to live out their lives faithfully as they face greater challenges and responsibilities in their lives.

Peace,

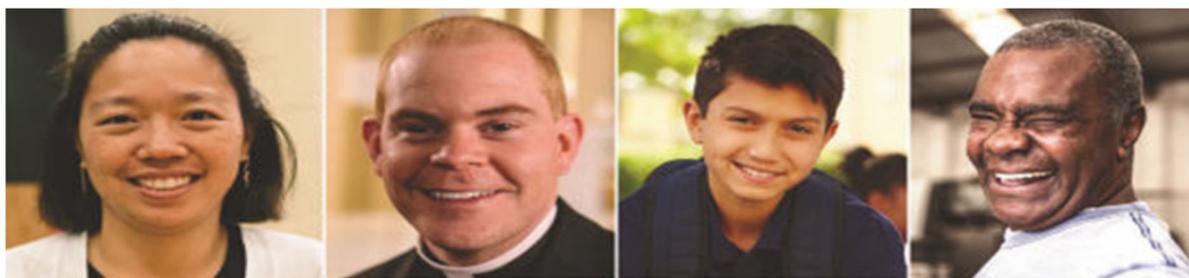
*Fr. Nick*



“...living the truth in love, we should grow in every way into Him...from whom the whole body, held and joined together by every supporting ligament brings about the body's growth and builds itself in love.”

- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation



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As we continue to experience the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in our archdiocese, the evangelist reminds us today that every hair on our head is counted, that no sparrow falls without God recognizing the loss. St. Matthew proclaims: Do not be afraid! Speak it in the light! Shout it from the rooftops! St. Paul too encourages us to remember that we have in Jesus Christ a most gracious gift that overflows among us. This gift is abundant and sufficient, freely given and lovingly shared. It is not always easy or convenient to proclaim our faith, find hope, and be charitable. It is sometimes difficult to see the answer, to know what to choose or which way to turn. It is at these times that God is calling us to a deeper commitment, a see a more satisfying solution to our daily cares and overwhelming concerns. It is also a moment when we can help others regardless of our own present situation. As disciples we are called to let God's grace overflow through us.

### OUR 2020 CHALLENGE GOAL IS \$185,320

The Annual Catholic Appeal continues this weekend with an invitation to make a gift that will help many who have been impacted by the Covid-19 outbreak in our archdiocese. Unafraid, we make sacrifices for others, not because they are Catholic, but because **We Are Catholic!**

### OUR TOTAL PLEDGED TO DATE IS \$69,041

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal pledge cards have been mailed to all parishioners who have given to the ACA in the last 5 years and will not be available for pick-up at church. Any parishioner who has not received a pledge card and would like to give, you may:

Stop by the parish office and fill out a pledge card or let us help you give online.

Give online at [archstl.org/aca](http://archstl.org/aca). Click the "Donate Today" button. **NOTE: In order to calculate pledges made by Assumption parishioners, please add "Assumption - 344" to the comment box located in the Additional Information section.**



For questions, please contact Jeannette Hamann at: (636)240-3721 ext. 247 or email her at [abvmjeannette@yahoo.com](mailto:abvmjeannette@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support.



“For thus says the Lord: When you call Me, and come and pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, when you seek Me with all your heart, I will let you find Me...”

Jeremiah 29:10-13

Prayer



God our Father,

We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Please guide every father with the Spirit of Your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family every closer to You.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Week at a Glance

	MONDAY 6.22.20	TUESDAY 6.23.20	WEDNESDAY 6.24.20
Mass Times/Intentions	6:30am Bernard Luetkenhaus 8:00am Deceased members of the Rothermich family	6:30am Dawn Thornton 8:00am Larry Kephart	6:30am Vocations 8:00am Gene Jezik
Readings	1st Reading: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15, 18 Gospel: Mt 7:1-5	1st Reading: 2 Kgs 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-35, 36 Gospel: Mt 7: 6, 12-14	1st Reading: Is 49:1-6 2nd Reading: 13:22-26 Gospel: Lk 1:57-66, 80
Reconciliation	7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment

## WELCOME ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL ROZANSKI



This past Wednesday morning, June 10, 2020, His Holiness Pope Francis announced that he has accepted the retirement of Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson as Archbishop of St. Louis, and has named Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski as the 11<sup>th</sup> bishop and 10<sup>th</sup> archbishop of St. Louis. The news conference was held at the Cathedral Basilica at 10:00 am on Wednesday to introduce Archbishop-designate Rozanski to the faithful of the archdiocese and can be seen at the following website (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XltueCivKNE&feature=youtu.be>). Archbishop-designate Rozanski has also recorded a message for the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlj\\_c2wOaY8&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlj_c2wOaY8&feature=youtu.be)). A Mass to install Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski as Archbishop of St. Louis is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2020, on the Feast Day of Saint Louis, King of France.



Prayer

**PRAYER:**  
A heart to heart with God  
"Our strength comes from the Eucharist"



### PREVENT AND PROTECT UPDATE:

To all those who work or volunteer here at Assumption Parish, involving our CHILDREN, the VULNERABLE or the ELDERLY, you must be registered into the new Prevent and Protect site in order to be in Compliance with the Archdiocese. This is **MANDATORY**. You can go to our website; [www.assumptionbvm.org](http://www.assumptionbvm.org), go to Quick Links, scroll down to the Safe Environment link, this link will take you to my link where you will find directions on how to register. If you have started this registration but have NOT received your **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION**, that means you are not in Compliance with the Archdiocese, so please go back into your P/P account and double check your requirement checklist to see what needs to be completed and submitted.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN A PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN WORKSHOP**, we are now offering ZOOM Sessions. After you have completed your registration into the P&P site, and have not already taken a PGC workshop, it will take you to the schedule, *there are no live sessions...* scroll down to Zoom Sessions where you can pick a session ~ click to register. Then, 24 hours before the class the facilitator will send them an email with the passcode and id meeting info. The day of the session, log in with that code about 10 minutes before the session is to start. The facilitator will take attendance and then they will give them credit the next day. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lynn Crews at: 314-578-0741 or [lynn.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.assumption@gmail.com). Thank you!

THURSDAY 6.25.20	FRIDAY 6.26.20	SATURDAY 6.27.20	SUNDAY 6.28.20
6:30am Sr. Janet Dohr, CPPS 8:00am Mason Keeven	6:30am Pat Liston 8:00am Robert Hudnut	9:00am Sr. Sharon king, CPPS 5:00pm Walter Shaughnessy	8:00am People of the Parish 10:00am Tom Swoboda 12:00pm Joe Meyer 5:30pm Hugo Nanney
1st Reading: 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Gospel: Mt 7:21-29	1st Reading: 2 Kgs 25:1-12 Gospel: Mt 8:1-4	1st Reading: Lam 2:2, 10-14,18-19 Gospel: Mt 8:5-17	1st Reading: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16 2nd Reading: Rom 6:3-4,8-11 Gospel: Mt 10:37-42
7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment	7:30 - 8:00am Church Or by appointment	4:00 - 4:45pm Church Or by appointment	By appointment
9:00am Raymond Boehm, Sr.			

**HOSPITALITY:**

Christian  
Kindness  
"We are ALL  
hospitality  
ministers"

Hospitality

## Why Kneel?

**Question:** Why do we kneel at Mass?

**Answer:** Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture of reverence and solemn prayer. You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist.

We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. *The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.* ©LPi

### Howdy Assumption Parishioners! (Auction News)

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you that due to the archdiocese restrictions on large gatherings we are unable to hold our 7th Annual Dinner Auction in person on June 27. Rather than postponing until a later date, Fr. Nick, Dr. Hensley, and the Auction Committee have decided to make it a **VIRTUAL EVENT!**

More details will follow on the program/schedule for auction via email and on our auction Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AssumptionDinnerAuction>. You do not need a Facebook account to view our public page. We are planning some fun things for the evening!

If you have purchased tickets, please check your email for an important message!

**We still have Golden Raffle Tickets available!** We need to sell 100 to offer the grand prize, otherwise it will be a 50/50 raffle. Buy your tickets at <https://ABVM2020.givesmart.com>.

Dress Down Week Family Passes are still available as well! They are only \$25 for the whole family! Buy your pass at <https://ABVM2020.givesmart.com>.

We are still taking donations! Here is a link to our Amazon Wish List! [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3DM2J2UI5RPY6?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3DM2J2UI5RPY6?ref=wl_share)

And finally, we invite you and everyone you know to **register to bid** on items for the evening. Auction items will include teacher donations, class projects, silent auction items, gift cards, and **LIVE** items! Register to bid at <https://ABVM2020.givesmart.com>.

Thank you for your understanding and patience in these uncertain times. The committee has been working on this event since last fall, and I am proud to be a part of this incredible group of women that are doing everything we can to make the best of this. Our hope is that we can all come together (even at home!) and make this the BEST Virtual Auction this side of the Mississippi!

Happy Trails,

Amy Kaller

2020 Auction Chair [auction@abvmtech.org](mailto:auction@abvmtech.org)





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Assumption Life Teen



July 17-19

Please contact Phil at [abvmyouth@gmail.com](mailto:abvmyouth@gmail.com) or 440-785-9116



FORMATION  
Continuous conversion of mind and heart  
"Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime"

Youth Formation



Welcome to our new Youth Minister,  
**Becky Whitaker**

We Are So Happy You are Here!



Assumption Parish Family,

Hello and greetings from sunny Arizona! My name is Becky Whitaker and I am ecstatic to have been called to join your parish family of Assumption as your new youth minister. When I was in high school in O'Fallon, my parish and youth ministry experience were vital lifelines for me to grow into who I was created to be and what I was created to be part of—the beautiful life of the Church and a life-giving relationship with God. Feeling at home in the Church was essential to what the Lord put in front of me in those years—friendships rooted in virtue, a support system so needed, parishioners and youth ministers who challenged and called me to more. That call grew to my studying Pastoral Leadership & Music Ministry at Marian University in Indianapolis, to the last six-years of full time EDGE & Life Teen youth ministry at a parish in Arizona, to embracing the call to married life with my incredible husband James, and now to the invitation to discover a new season of life through parish life and youth ministry at Assumption. I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for our time together!

I am overjoyed to return to the land of the St. Louis Cardinals, toasted ravioli, gooey butter cake, family and friends, and the adventures in store for this new time of our lives. Know that I am praying for you and am exceptionally excited to pray with you and get to know you as you show me what you love most about being part of the Assumption Parish family. Please pray for James & I – we've got a long drive ahead of us! See you soon.

In Christ,

*Becky Whitaker*



**SERVICE:**

in  
action  
"Truly I tell  
you,  
whatever  
you did for  
one of  
the least  
of these  
brothers and  
sisters of  
mine, you  
did for me."

Matthew  
25:40

Service

**Parish Business Manager Wanted** – After the sudden death of our previous business manager, Jim Hager, we are now looking for someone to fill this full-time position. This position is an administrator who supports the Pastor in his responsibilities to the parish as a steward of the physical, financial and personnel resources of the parish. If you believe you might have the gifts, the interest, and the calling to serve Assumption parish in this way please look at the job posting on the Archdiocesan website ( [www.archstl.org/employee-opportunities](http://www.archstl.org/employee-opportunities) ) for further details.

**Corporate Grants and Matching Gifts**

Many parishes and schools are aware that recently corporations (Boeing, Mastercard, Amazon, Pfizer, etc) are tightening the restrictions for corporate grants and matching gifts for religious organizations. Parishes are now receiving emails from corporations asking for an independent 501(c)3 for the school as they are no longer accepting our 501(c)3 because the EIN provided is for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and religious organizations are ineligible for the corporations' platforms.

Tom Buckley, Archdiocesan General Counsel, has responded to this situation as follows:

**"Unfortunately, if this is their (the corporation's) position, it means you will be ineligible for future donations from them unless and until they change their mind. Our schools are not separately incorporated. They are parish run. But even if they were separately incorporated they would have to be set up under canon law as a religious non-profit, so that would not help us here either.**

**More and more publicly traded companies are adopting these policies.**



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... HELPING NEIGHBORS STARTS AT HOME ...

As expected during this challenging time, our clients have grown in numbers and needs. Since mid-March, your donations have aided more than 50 families with various needs. Thank you for continuing to bless this ministry with your love and support! The pantry is currently low on the following food items: crackers, applesauce, spaghetti sauce, jelly, pancake mix and syrup, Sloppy Joe mix, jello and canned pears. Non-food items needed: shampoo, conditioner, large toothpaste, deodorant, razor blades, cleaning supplies, toilet paper. We realize some of these items may be hard to find. Grocery store gift certificates are always welcome to allow our families in need some flexibility in purchasing dairy, produce, etc. (Our Grocery Cart is currently located in the Chapel) *Thank you for "Bringing Christ to the World" through your actions. God Bless You!!*



**Are YOU in need? OR Would you like to help someone IN need?**

As we all muddle through these troubling days, we have had generous parishioners who have offered to help anyone who is in need of someone to grocery shop for them, especially the elderly, or someone who is in need of a meal or two. **OR**, if you are someone who would like to assist in this way, please call Jeannette Hamann at the parish office: (636)240-3721 ext. 247.



**SERVICE:**

Love in action  
"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Service

**PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Even though many may appropriately choose not to come to public Mass yet, we still have ongoing employee and facility expenses. Envelopes can still be mailed or dropped off at the parish office, in the drop box next to parish office door.

**Giving Online: It's easy, convenient, and environmentally friendly!**

**Instructions:**

- ~ Go to Assumption's website: [assumptionbvm.org](http://assumptionbvm.org)
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- ~ Create username and password and keep it in a safe, easily accessible place.  
(If you forget your username, call Mary Knapp in the parish office. If you forget your password, you can reset it.)
- ~ Follow the prompts for adding your personal information
- ~ Click on: New Donation, and then Designation: Sunday/Weekly Offering
- ~ Input the amount, frequency, and date of withdrawals. Click Save.  
You may use your credit card, or draw from checking or savings account
- ~ You may also give to the Special Collections through this one account
- ~ If you pay your bills through Online Banking, just add Assumption and you may continue to do so.

*Thank you for what you sacrifice so that people might find Christ here and bring Christ to the world.*

*If you have questions or need additional help, please call Mary Knapp, 636-240-3721, ext. 234.*

**Our Gifts to God and Parish**

We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation, and your financial support of Assumption Parish.

	June 7, 2020	7/1/2019 - 7/7/2020
Envelopes & Checks	\$ 19,965	\$ 1,449,044
Loose	\$ 67	\$ 50,162
Electronic	\$ 10,340	\$ 203,198
Total	\$ <u>30,372</u>	\$ <u>1,702,404</u>

**Needed to sustain our mission \$1,790,000**

**Loan Balance as of 1/31/2020: \$1,511,937**

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1Peter 4:10*



**The Bible Teaches It (Mal 3:10-12)  
We Believe It (Acts 4:32-36)  
God Honors It (Gen 14:18-20)**

**TITHING**

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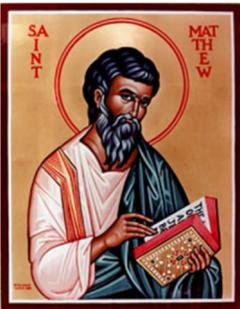
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- Ephesians 4:15-16

Adult Formation



**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 21**

*JER 20:10-13; PS 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; ROM 5:12-15; MT 10:26-33*

Today's readings call us to tackle the challenging issues of fear and trust — two concepts that must be confronted and dealt with by all of us who wish to live the stewardship way of life.

The Lord knows that facing down our fears and choosing to trust Him with all areas of our lives is an ongoing challenge for us. He is generous with reassurances to us throughout the Scriptures.

Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is a case in point. In the span of eight verses, Jesus addresses the topic of fear four times:

- “Fear no one.”
- “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.”
- “Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body.”
- “So do not be afraid.”

And the reassurance continues. “Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted.” Notice that Jesus says, “your Father” in describing God's intimate knowledge and tender care for each one of us. He is truly “Abba,” our Dad, Who knows us inside and out.

With that, let us all breathe a huge sigh of relief. All is well. Our Father knows us through and through, sent His Son to save us, and will always take care of us.

Let's stop wasting any more time with fear. Instead, let's put all our energy, all our time, our talents and our treasure into trusting this great and loving God, using all that we are and all that He has given us to bring Him glory.

<p><b>OFFICE INFORMATION</b> 403 N Main Street, O'Fallon MO 63366 636.240.3721 Parish Office 636.272.3838 Fax Office Hours - Weekdays 8:30am-4:00pm</p> <p><b>ST VINCENT DE PAUL</b> 636.272.4758 (Helpline)</p> <p><b>ASSUMPTION SCHOOL</b> 636.240.4474</p>	<p><b>BULLETIN NOTICES</b> Submit to Parish Office (peggy.assumption@yahoo.com) by Tuesday 9:00am</p> <p><b>WEBSITE</b> <a href="http://www.assumptionbvm.org">www.assumptionbvm.org</a> <a href="https://facebook.com/@assumptionmedia">facebook.com/@assumptionmedia</a> assumptionparish</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p>	<p><b>PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION</b> Religious instruction in the Catholic faith. Call 636.240.1020 for information or to register.</p> <p><b>MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION</b> For one-on-one grief support, contact Kris Bohn at 636.795.2611, and for information regarding our grief support series, which is held twice per year, contact Lynn Crews at 294.0821.</p>
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